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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BONAFIDES ON GREEK-AMERICAN METAL CO

REF: A) ZURICH 680 B) ATHENS 6160 C) ZURICH 0667

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BONAFIDES BELEVANGAS AND
DARZINS PROVIDED BY THESSALONIKI AND KOZANI BRANCHES
OF NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE:

EFTHYMIOS BELEVANGAS IS RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF GREEK
FORESTRY SERVICE. THIRTEEN VLASTIS STREET, KOZANI, IS HOME
ADDRESS AND OFFICE. BELEVANGAS KNOWN TO HAVE LIGNITE
CONCESSION AT SERVIA NEAR KOZANI, REGISTERED IN NAME
OF WIFE. TOTAL ASSETS, ESTIMATED BY BANK, OF APPROX
DOLLARS TEN THOUSAND. BANK AWARE OF GREEK-AMERICAN
METAL COMPANY, RECENTLY FOUNDED AS GENERAL PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN BELEVANGAS AND DARZINS TO EXPLOIT LIGNITE
CONCESSION, BUT BELIEVES FIRM ONLY IN PRELIMINARY
ORGANIZATION STAGE. DARZINS BELIEVED TO BE SEEKING
ADDITIONAL LOCAL PARTNERS AND FINANCING AND PROMISED
TO INFORM NATIONAL BANK OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. DARZINS
NOT, HOWEVER, SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN HERE FOR BANK TO PROVIDE
READING ON BONAFIDES.

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2. COMMENT: IN VIEW ABOVE AND CONTENTS REF (B),
CONGEN RECOMMENDS CAUTION IN DEALINGS WITH SUBJECT
FIRM. WHILE DARZINS LARGELY UNKNOWN HERE, LOCAL BANKS
OBVIOUSLY SKEPTICAL NEW COMPANY HAS RESOURCES OR CREDIT
AT PRESENT FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. CONGEN FOLLOWING
UP ON JULY 1969 REPORT WITH MINING TECHNICAL SURVEYING OFFICE,
THESSALONIKI, PER REF (A) AND WILL REPORT FINDINGS IF
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